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TRANSACTION TYPES BETWEEN AGENTS  
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MULTIPLE MESSAGE GROUPS

Examiner: Philpott, J. M.

Art Unit: 2665

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In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the following remarks.

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**Dear Examiner:**

**Please find the following document(s) attached:**

- 1) Response to Office Action (6 pages)

**Please note that this Response is identical to the one previously faxed on December 31, 2003, except that a status identifier has been added to Claim 1, as requested.**

**Thank you.**

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